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SUBJ: GOC ATTACKS NYTIMES FOR ARTICLE ON CHAD AND STATES

GOC WILL DO WITHOUT AMERICAN DROUGHT AID

REF: A) USIA 22274; B) NDJAMENA 2594

1. FIVE AND ONE-HALF PAGE EDITORIAL IN OCT 17 INFO-TCHAD, WHICH ALSO READ OVER RADIO, CHAD EVENING OCT 16 (WHICH NATIONAL HOLIDAY MARKING END RAMADAN) IS LENGTHY BLAST AT HENRY KAMM PERSONALLY AND NY TIMES FOR OCT 13 NYT ARTICLE HIGHLY CRITICAL CHAD HANDLING DROUGHT RELIEF. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY SAYING GOC HAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO DO WITHOUT US DROUGHT RELIEF AID IN FUTURE. LOCAL TRANSPORT COMPANY WHICH SUPPLYING GRAIN TO AIRPORT NDJAMENA AND LOADING PALLETS FOR AIRLIFT, THIS MORNING BEGAN
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UNLOADING PALLETS, SAYING THEY HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED CEASE

OPERATIONS DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS GOC DJOUGHT COORDINATOR
DJONOUA. CHARGE HAS REQUESTED IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT WITH
DJONOUA TO DISCUSS.

2. EDITORIAL WILL BE SUMMARIZED AT LENGTH SEPTTEL.
BRIEFLY, IT REPORTS KAMM ACCUSATION THAT SORGHUM BEING
AIRLIFTED TO NORTH WHERE NO IMMEDIATE NEED AND RETORTS
THAT APPARENTLY KAMM THINKS NORTHERN PEOPLE USED TO
SUFFERING AND THEREFORE SHOULD CONTINUE. QUOTES KAMM ON
ROLE GOC, STATES THAT GOC SOVEREIGN AND MUST THEREFORE
CONTROL ITS OWN DESTINY AND WONDERS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN
IF US NEEDED AID TO MEET CATASTROPHE ONLY TO FIND DONORS
MAKING JUDGMENTS ON QUESTION USG MORALITY. NOTES KAMM
QUOTES ANONYMOUS INDIVIDUALS MANY ORGANIZATIONS AND GIVES
IMPRESSION HE SPEAKING FOR ALL. NOTES FINALLY THAT KAMM
SAYS HE HOPES REMAINING STOCKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO
PEOPLE TRULY IN NEED AND REMARKS THAT HE MAY REST EASY.
GOC REJECTS ALL PRESSURES AND UNFOUNDED CRITICISM, AND
IS THEREFORE "RESOLVED TO DISPENSE WITH AID FROM AMERICAN
DONORS IN THE FUTURE IN STRUGGLE AGAINST THE EFFECTS
OF THE DROUGHT." IN SEPARATE ONE PAGE EDITORIAL,
INFO-CHAD WRITES THAT "AMERICAN CEREAL PLACED IN
MAIDUGURI FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CHADIAN PEOPLE HAS BEEN
ONLY A DISGUISED MEANS OF MIXING IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS..."
AND "THAT IS WHY, CHADIAN COMPATRIOTS, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED
PURELY AND SIMPLY TO RETURN THE AID TO THE DONOR."

3. COMMENT: EMB HAS BEEN AWARE OF GROWING GOC DISPLEASURE
WITH US PRESS REPORTS, AND, ACCORDING KAMM, DJONOUA MADE
PARTICULAR POINT OF DENYING TO HIM NEWSWEEK ALLEGATIONS OF
PERSONAL PROFITEERING OF WIFE OF PRESIDENT. WHEN KAMM ARTICLE
FINALLY CAME TO ATTENTION OF PRESIDENT, DJONOUA MUST HAVE
FOUND HIMSELF IN PARTICULARLY TICKLISH SITUATION, AS HE PER-
SONALLY HAD REQUESTED PERMISSION IN WRITING FROM MINISTRY
INTERIOR FOR KAMM VISIT AREAS OUTSIDE NDJAMENA. IF APPOINTMENT
COMES THROUGH WITH DJONOUA, CHARGE WILL POINT OUT FACT THAT
NY TIMES PRIVATE NEWSPAPER, ETC, AND THAT ANY USG PROBLEMS
ARE MADE KNOWN CONFIDENTIALLY AND PRIVATELY DIRECTLY TO
GOC AS HAS BEEN TRADITIONAL IN OUR RELATIONS UP TO THIS
POINT RATHER THAN THROUGH PUBLIC MEDIA. WILL NOTE THAT EMBASSY
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FINDS IT UNUSUAL THAT OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT
PROGRAM TERMINATED BY ONE SIDE WITHOUT ANY ATTEMPT OFFICIAL
COMMUNICATIONS AND REQUEST EXPLANATION. RECOMMEND CHARGE
REACTIVATE REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FOLLOWING
RECEIPT WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.

4. COMMENT: USIA 22274 REPORTING KAMM OCT 13 STORY ON
YONDOH INITIATION RITES, PRESUMABLY FROM SAME SOURCES AS

NDJAMENA 2594, JUST RECEIVED. IF GOC NOT ALREADY AWARE
THIS STORY, FURTHER ADVERSE REACTION MAY BE EXPECTED.

5. PLEASE CABLE TEXTS OF KAMMS' OCT 10 AND 13 ARTICLES
WHICH WILL BE NEEDED IN RESPONDING TO EXPECTED DEMARCHES
DIRECTED AT EMBASSY.
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